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In re Patent Application of:

GAETA *et al.*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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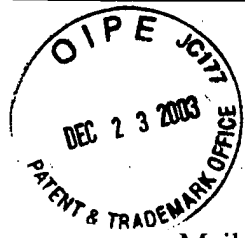
Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Applicants do not believe any fees or extension of time are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 18528.641. Applicant likewise authorizes a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for.

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1. a Preliminary Amendment; and
2. a return postcard.

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In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number **18528.641**. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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